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**SENATORS KENNEDY, ISAKSON, COLLINS INTRODUCE BILL TO INCREASE ACCESS TO
CARE FOR FEDERAL WORKERS**

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Today, Senators Edward Kennedy, Johnny Isakson and Susan Collins introduced legislation to make clear that federal workers who rely on physician assistants and nurse practitioners for their medical care are eligible for compensation for the care under the existing workers' compensation law for federal employers.

Currently, many federal workers who seek care from nurse's practitioners and physicians assistants, often because they do not have easy access to physicians, find that their treatments are not covered under the law.

Senator Kennedy said, "Federal workers deserve a compensation system that works for them if they're injured on the job. The current law obviously isn't adequate to protect many federal workers who care for our national parks, screen baggage at airports, and provide a wide range of other services across the country. The legislation we are introducing today will ensure that these men and women who serve our government every day will be reimbursed for the care they receive from the professionals they know and trust."

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